

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article comprising:
 - a back region having extensibility in a waist direction and provided with stopper members at both ends in the waist direction;
 - an abdominal region provided with flap portions at both ends in the waist direction; and
 - an absorber that bridges between the back region and the abdominal region, wherein a length of the back region in the waist direction when the back region is stretched is longer than a maximum length of the abdominal region that can be achieved in the waist direction, and the length of the back region in the waist direction when no force is applied to the back region from an outside is almost equal to the length of the abdominal region in the waist direction or shorter than the length of the abdominal region in the waist direction when no force is applied to the abdominal region from the outside.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

4. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the back region includes a web for outer surface, a web for inner surface, and an elastic member provided between the web for outer surface and the web for inner surface, the elastic member is extendable in the waist direction.

5. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a trimmed portion is provided on an inner edge of each of the both ends of the back region, and on an inner edge of the flap portions.

6. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a slanting portion is provided on an inner edge of each of the both ends of the back region, and on an inner edge of each of the flap portions.

7. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the stopper members are temporarily held on the abdominal region to form the disposable wearing article into an underpants-shape, and the back region and the abdominal region are joined at an inside from the stopper member.

8. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the stopper members are temporarily held on the abdominal region to form the disposable wearing article into an underpants-shape, and the back region and the abdominal region are joined at an outside from the stopper member.

9. (previously presented) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein a length of each of the flap portions is 50 to 60mm.

10. (new) The disposable wearing article according to claim 1, wherein the abdominal region has substantially no extensibility in the waist direction.